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YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

The meeting of the young men of Chicago in favor of maintaining the Union and Constitution *as they are*, which was announced on Friday evening subject to the call of the Committees, will be held in Metropolitan Hall this evening, commencing at half-past seven o'clock. There will undoubtedly be a full house. The gallery will be reserved for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them.

DISCITMENT OF EX-SECRETARY FLOYD.

It will be seen by our dispatches from Washington that the Grand Jury of the District Court have taken initiatory steps looking to the indictment of that arch traitor and swindler, John B. Floyd. There are three distinct charges enumerated in the indictment, and they will probably be acted upon by the Grand Jury to-day.

KANSAS ADMITTED.

The House of Representatives yesterday agreed to the Senate's amendment to the Census admission bill by a decided vote, and it only wants the signature of the President to make it a law. That it will undoubtedly have.

SECESSION AT OUR DOOR.

The bill now before the Legislature to amend our City Charter, changes the time of holding the Municipal election from March to May, and provides that the present City officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected. Mayor Wentworth does not like this, and he proposes to get up a piece of practical opposition here at home, by vacating, or causing from, the office on the 19th day of March. We are not aware that his honor will encounter any very violent opposition should he undertake to carry his threat into execution, or that the people will be inconsolable on account of his retirement. The secret of the matter, is this: Wentworth wants the public to believe that he has been living up to the motto, "Liberty and Economy" during his municipal year; and as he has been kiting over to his successor in office a large amount of indebtedness which he ought to have paid or provided for, a continuance in his office until May would throw his own sins upon his own shoulders, and his precious system of humbuggery would be exposed. Having set this nice little trap for his successor, he has no idea of being caught in it himself; therefore he declares he will not meet the responsibility of his own acts, but will leave the office on the 19th of March.

In regard to this indebtedness which he is kiting over to the next administration, a large proportion of it is due to the poor laboring men of the city. These men, Wentworth has put off with city scrip, payable in 1st of May next, bearing ten per cent interest. Meanwhile, the Wentworthian system of kiting having placed the city bill at a low ebb, the poor laborers have been obliged to go on the street with their scrip and sold it for whatever they could get—say from fifty-five to eighty cents on the dollar. And it not been in the power of the city to have raised the money for these men, there would be some apology for thus treating them out of a portion of their wages. But there is no such plea to be urged. P. F. W. Peck, Esq., we are credibly informed, offered to lend the money to the city to pay its workmen, at ten per cent. interest; but as it would have excluded the Mayor's favorite humbug to have performed this honest act towards laboring men, he refused to accept the proposition. The city, therefore, is saddled with an additional amount of interest, for the sake of the scrip that has been issued is dated back, while those who have labored for it have been practically cut down in their wages by the shave they have been compelled to submit to on the scrip.

Mr. Wentworth's "economy" costs the city an immense amount of money. In the first year of his Mayoralty he destroyed one hundred thousand dollars in bonds, and the debt for which they would have provided, at seven per cent, interest, has been kited along ever since at a much higher rate. Again, in the second year of Mr. Haines' administration, he prevented the issue of the same amount of bonds, making that additional debt also; and in this second year of his own administration, he has not issued that amount of bonds, and the debt goes kiting. Here are three hundred thousand dollars of our floating indebtedness, all of which is kited from year to year on such terms as can be made, costing the city, annually, we are told, but little, if any, short of sixteen per cent per annum. If the bonds had been issued in accordance with the city charter, which was prevented by the Wentworthian policy, the rate of interest would only be seven per cent. What with this additional nine per cent interest on three hundred thousand dollars, the extra interest upon the scrip issued during his present administration by Wentworth, and the amount lost upon that scrip by those to whom it was paid, we are safe in saying that the city has never had so expensive an administration as the present one, notwithstanding the Common Council has refused to order any improvements whatever. No wonder Wentworth desires to vacate. It is quite time.

THE CITY CHARTER.

There are now two bills before the Legislature, or there will be two before to-morrow, for amending our City Charter. One of these bills has been placed before the readers of the TRIBUNE, and if we may judge of public opinion from the uniform expression that has come to our own ears, we are safe in saying that, in the main, it is to general satisfaction. There are a few provisions which may require additional guards and restrictions against the abuse of power, a very few which, perhaps, the latter be omitted entirely, such, for example, as taking from the people the right of electing the City Attorney, and conferring upon the Mayor the power of appointing that officer. Some of the first and objections, we learn, have already been obviated in committee, and additional safety of the bill by those who are giving their attention to the subject, we doubt not will make it entirely acceptable to the great mass of our citizens.

The other bill emanates from Mayor Wentworth. For some reason best known to himself, he has kept it back until the close of the session of the Legislature, and at this late day he has sent it to Springfield without permitting the people to know anything of its contents. It has not appeared in his own paper, nor has it been submitted to a public meeting of the citizens. We thought the framers of the last bill had failed in this respect; but we have done infinitely better than Mr. Wentworth, for they had their bill introduced at the beginning of the session of the Legislature, and had it printed and presented to the people of Chicago some days ago. Hence in this matter, we present the following communications:

[Chicago Tribune:]

Resolved, That the Aldermen of Chicago have a special session for the purpose of hearing read certain amendments to the city Charter prepared by Mr. Wentworth, in which he contemplates a change of the Boards of Water and Sewerage Commissioners, the erection of a Board of Public Works, and an enabling act to borrow at least half a million dollars, a change in the manner of electing the City Attorney, abolishing the office of Treasurer, creating a new office of Auditor, providing for selling the City Hospital, &c. &c., and yet in his message calls them "*only restrictive amendments.*" It does not appear that these amendments are to be printed and laid before our citizens for their examination. They may be all right, but no man is sufficient to take upon himself the responsibility of getting up a law and procuring its passage through the State Legislature, affecting so materially the interests of our city, without first submitting the same to public inspection. Indeed, judging by the lateness of its production, by the once reading the same in the Council, and not laying it over and printing, which, by the Charter, any one Alderman had the right to demand,—it would seem as though this was exactly what was intended, that the great mass of the community, the tax-payers of the city, are to be treated as not worthy of any consideration in the matter.

Now, for one, I protest against it, and demand of our members of the Legislature that they suffer no amendment or alteration of our City Charter to be passed until after it has been submitted to the public.

A TAX-PAYER.

[Editors Tribune:]

While the new City Charter which you have published contains many provisions worthy of adoption, it embraces some which ought not to pass without notice. Among these we may note:

1. That Section 68 gives to the Board of Public Works unlimited power of taxation without appeal or redress. The rate has heretofore been limited to two per cent. for special assessments, and to three per cent. for all taxes for each year. Do the people of Chicago desire such a change?

2. Section 34 gives said Board the right to grant permits to use the streets in *any manner*. Under this permission the right may be granted to lay down a railroad track in any street in the city, and keep it there forever, with no appeal nor redress.

3. Section 1 adds Bridgeport and Holstein to the city. Do the inhabitants of those places or the citizens of Chicago desire the city limits to be changed, and if so when did they demand it?

4. If alterations in these points are to be made, will our representatives at Springfield see that it be submitted to a vote of the people, or will they put it in force "from and after its passage," as provided in Sec. 8th?

By calling attention to these points you will much oblige A TAX PAYER.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

Senate without a Quorum.

AN AVALANCHE OF BILLS IN THE HOUSE.

FEES OF CLERKS.

Governor Yates and Commissioners to Washington.

THE PRESIDENTIAL JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 28, 1861.

NO QUORUM.

No quorum appearing in the Senate this morning, the body adjourned until 2 o'clock, and under the same circumstances adjourned this afternoon until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

AN AVALANCHE OF BILLS.

In the House during the forenoon upwards of ninety bills were introduced, read twice and appropriately referred. Several were of local and some are of general importance. Among them these: For an Act in regard to Surveyors in Cook County: for an Act to incorporate the Citizens' Insurance Company of Chicago; for an Act regulating the police force and fire department in the city of Chicago; for an Act to transcribe certain records in Cook County; for an Act to tax and license billiard tables; for an Act to amend an Act concerning change of venue; for an Act to improve the State Library; for an Act to incorporate the Rockford Gas Company; for an Act to declare and establish days of grace; for an Act to enforce the payment of rent; for an Act to erect permanent landmarks; for an Act to amend the laws concerning evidence; for an Act to incorporate the Chicago and Crystal Lake Ice Company; for an Act to amend the interest laws of this State; for an act to provide for the sale of the Governor's mansion; for an act to incorporate the Young Men's Church Association of Chicago.

By Mr. Haines of Lake, for an Act to amend the law concerning fees and salaries. This bill proposes to cut down the fees for recording from 10c. to 7c. per one hundred words. By Mr. Seammon of Cook, for an Act to regulate the compensation of the Clerks of the Courts of Cook county. This bill proposes to fix the salaries of all Clerks of Courts in Cook county at $3,000. It will probably be amended so as to include all counties in the State and become a law.

The important Railroad bills are beginning to make their appearance, and to-day Mr. Brown of Cook introduced a bill for an act to incorporate the Chicago & St. Louis R. R. Co. All this was done and much other routine gone through with, but no quorum being present, the House adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

ABOUT COMMISSIONERS TO WASHINGTON.

Gov. Yates received on Saturday last dispatches from the Governors of one or more States, consulting him in regard to the propriety of sending a committee of five from each State, to be appointed by the Governor thereof, to meet in Washington early in February. Gov. Yates gave an emphatic negative to the proposition, so far as he was concerned, and in doing so he is supposed to have reflected the opinions of Mr. Lincoln either expressed or implied. The movement is said to have originated in Tennessee.

The *Journal* this morning states that Mr. Lincoln, together with his family, will leave here *en route* for Washington on the 11th of February, proceed to Indianapolis, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Albany, New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Baltimore, and arrive at Washington by the 20th. We learn in addition to this, that he will be accompanied by Col. Edward V. Sumner of the first Cavalry, and Major Hunter of St. Louis, both of the U. S. Army, hence to Washington.

The country will be glad to learn that Mr. Lincoln is looking remarkably well and that he is in fine health and spirits. No decision will be made as to who else than Messrs. Seward and Bates will compose the Cabinet until his arrival at Washington. Great regret is expressed among Republicans at the condition of affairs in Ohio, which is likely to prevent Mr. Chase's taking the Treasurship under Mr. Lincoln.

MEMBERS RETURNING.

9 P.M.—Members are returning to-night in such numbers as to pretty nearly insure a quorum to-morrow morning.

PLEDGE FROM TENNESSEE.

Gen. Jno. B. Rogers of Tenn. came here today. He brings letters to Mr. Lincoln, and is to have an interview to-morrow morning. The declared object of his mission is to represent the state of public sentiment in Tennessee, and pledge it to the Union, which he does with emphatic terseness. The supposition is that he comes to suggest the name of some one of the patriots of that State for a Cabinet appointment.

A LEGISLATIVE ESCORT.

A project seems to be gaining ground here, to-day, no less than that the General Assembly of Illinois will, in a body, accompany Mr. Lincoln as far as Indianapolis. The committee recently from the Indiana Legislature is known to have urged the step. It is very doubtful whether the opposition would consent.

Important from Persia.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—A Constantinople letter of Dec. 31st in the *World*, records the utter rout of the Asiatic Persian army, 60,000 strong, by a large force of Turks, the greater part being killed and taken prisoners. This may perhaps cause the overthrow of the Persian dynasty.

Affairs at the National Capital.

[Special Dispatch to the Cincinnati Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

Messrs. Douglas, Seward, Crittenden and Dixon held an important meeting last night on compromise. Crittenden says he has great hopes of its results. It is believed a modification of the Crittenden resolutions will be agreed on.

The Southern Justices of the Supreme Court are consulting as to a resignation. A special message is expected from Buchanan on Tuesday.

It is doubted here whether the District Attorney draws any indictment on the presentation made by the Grand Jury yesterday, of ex-Secretary Floyd.

A Treasury draft in favor of the Pensacola Navy Agent for a large amount has been countermanded, because of resistance to the Government at that point.

Russell, it is believed, will get clear, on a special act of Congress passed two years ago, exempting witnesses from criminal trial who appear before Congressional committees. The District Attorney admits the validity of the plea.

The Post Master at Milwaukee is about to be removed for dishonoring the credit of the Government.

IMPORTANT EDITORIAL.

The *Constitution* this morning inquires: Who seriously doubted the readiness of England to recognize the Southern Confederacy the moment it becomes a *de facto* government? and adds, "Will England stand idly by whilst Southern ports are blockaded, or will she assist the South to maintain her safety?"

The basis of this declaration is Palmerston's speech, reflecting also, it is believed, the views of the British legation here.

P. S. The postmaster at Milwaukee has been removed to-day.

SECOND DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.

LOUISIANA.

The secession of Louisiana excites no surprise. It was fully expected. Slidell and Benjamin will leave to-morrow.

MARYLAND.

The action of Gov. Hicks in appointing Commissioners on the part of Maryland to the 4th of February Conference, is violently resisted by the secessionists, who say he has exceeded his powers. There will be a severe contest in that State shortly.

VIRGINIA SECESSIONISTS.

A counter manifesto against the Virginia Secessionists will shortly be issued by Crittenden, Douglas, Millson, Harris, Clemens, and others, stating that at no time during the present excitement, when so far an adjustment of our difficulties been so bright as at the present moment.

MARYLAND COMMISSIONERS.

The Commissioners appointed by Gov. Hicks of Maryland, in response to the invitation of Virginia for a Conference on the 4th of February, are all well-known conservatives.

FORT PICKENS.

News from Fort Pickens is awaited with much anxiety. It is believed that an immediate attack would be made as soon as the destination of the Brooklyn should be known.

A PARTISAN DISCHARGED.

A man named Martin employed in the Washington Navy Yard, has been discharged for divulging certain military secrets to confederates in Virginia.

GROW'S RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY.

The House became considerably excited yesterday on Grow's motion, instructing the Committee of Five to inquire whether any organization hostile to the Government exists in the District of Columbia. A fierce debate ensued, in which Mr. Kunkle of Maryland declared that such a resolution was a reflection on his State. It finally passed.

It is understood there is abundant evidence to show the existence of such a conspiracy.

FLOYD'S RESIGNATION.

Floyd's indictment surprises no one. While Governor of Virginia, it is said, he was noted for loose conduct, and it can be shown that he obtained large profits on contracts awarded by him to Government contractors.

[Special dispatch to the Cincinnati Commercial.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 1861.

Gov. Morgan's (N. Y.) recommendation to appoint Commissioners to meet those of Virginia here on February 4th, excites great hopes among Union men. Also, Rhode Island's action in the Personal Liberty bill, is hailed as a good omen.

Saturday's proceedings in the House were not very important; but there was a significant feeling apparent in favor of North Carolina a highly fair and conciliatory. The disposition to do something is spreading among Republicans, and the Peace Resolutions may pass. If it gets through the House, it is said that Crittenden, who despairs of his resolutions, will support it in the Senate.

The news from Virginia is very encouraging. Letters received here this morning say that the Union feeling is increasing hourly. Even on the Eastern Virginia Union polls have been erected.

The Post Office Department has sent letters to Postmasters requesting information touching whether they will hold themselves responsible to this Government for the postage collected. Those who answer in the negative will have their bonds cancelled.

Last night a private conference of about forty of the most prominent conservative men from all parts of the country took place at the Columbian Hotel. A free interchange of opinion was had, and concert of action determined upon, and the material "what people are in favor of political affairs." Lots on Capitol Hill have been rented by Scott for erecting quarters and stabling for cavalry from West Point.

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Highland Guards—Volunteer Movement.

EDITORS TRIBUNE—GEN. STEM:—Now that it is a settled fact that the Highland and Shields Guards have actually tendered their services in defence of the Constitution and enforcement of the laws, in case of necessity, there are a few things I wish to state in connection with the former company, (Highland Guards), and which I believe are not generally known to the community. There appears to be an antipathy among our young men to the "kilt" with which this company was formerly uniformed. Now, Sirs, this company hold themselves in readiness to adopt the uniform provided for in the Militia Bill at present before the State Legislature. The company will hereafter drill as Light Infantry, with McClellan's bayonet exercise. They have heretofore drilled as Heavy Infantry, Scott tactics. The officers of the company have tendered themselves in readiness to resign, and take their place in the ranks, so soon as the company is placed upon a good footing, when there will be a general election for officers.

Hoping you will give this an insertion, I remain Respectfully, yours,

A VOLUNTEER.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28, 1861.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

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Present—Messrs. Dore, Steele, Haven, Hayes, Tate, Foster, Carpenter, Sheahan, Bane and Sherman.

Absent—Messrs. Mosely, Sturtevant, Newberry, Higginson and Ward.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Haven, Messrs. Steele, Heard and Dore were appointed a committee to furnish additional accommodations for the pupils now in the Seammon School, with power to act.

Mr. Steele moved that Andrew's Latin Reader be adopted as a text book in the High School in place of Harkness' Second Latin Book.

Mr. Sheahan called for the yeas and nays, and the motion prevailed.

Yeas—Messrs. Haven, Foster, Carpenter, Steele, Hayes, Dore and Heard—8.

Nays—Mr. Sheahan—1.

On motion of Mr. Foster, teachers' certificates were granted to Messrs. Samuel A. Briggs, Jno. E. Kimball and Edward C. Porter.

Dr. Foster, Chairman of the Committee on the Appointment of Teachers, reported the following appointments and transfers since the last meeting of the Board: Sarah G. Downs, re-appointed assistant to the Skinner School. Mary J. Reed reappointed assistant in the Seammon School. Mary J. Cole appointed assistant in the Branch of the Washington School, Calista Robinson transferred from the Branch of the Washington School to the Washington School, Lizzie Skelton transferred from the Branch to the Skinner School, Mary Bowen removed from the Skinner to the Ogden School.

Mr. Steele, Chairman of the Committee on High School, moved that Anetta Freeman and Sarah E. Lane be re-admitted to seats in the High School. Referred to the Chairman of the Committee on the High School, with power to act.

The Superintendent recommended that the vote of the Board passed Sept. 26th, 1860, respecting the union of the Grammar and Primary Departments, be rescinded, and the following provision adopted in its stead:

That Grammar and Primary Departments of each School shall be united into one organization as a *graded school*; but for convenience of designation, all divisions in the Third Reader and above, shall be called Grammar Divisions, and all divisions in the Second Reader and below shall be called Primary Divisions. To take effect from the commencement of 1861.

On motion of Mr. Heard, the foregoing resolution was concurred in.

The Superintendent reported the suspension of Henry Fool from the Seammon School, in accordance with the requirements of the seventh section of the rules.

The resignation of H. P. Bailes, teacher in the Skinner School, was received and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, it was voted that a Head Assistant be appointed for the Jones School.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee to investigate the manner in which the records of the Normal School have been kept, presented a report.

On motion of Mr. Heard, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Mr. F. A. Bonham, Principal of Mosely School, be and he is hereby publicly censured by this Board for the improper manner in which he has kept the records of his School.

Adjourned.

W. H. WELLS, Secretary.

The Lien Law.

At a meeting of the German Social Laborers' Society of the 15th Ward, Saturday, January 26th, 1861, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, To harmonize with the resolutions of the United Trade of South Chicago in all points.

Resolved, To request especially our Representatives in the Senate and Legislature to do their utmost in attending to their promises, for passing the bills in reference to the Mechanics' Lien law, and the law to reform the Bank law.

The order of the German Laborers' Society of the 15th Ward.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26, 1861.

THE CITY.

Young Men's Union Meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the YOUNG MEN OF CHICAGO, who are in favor of the Union and the Constitution as they are, and opposed to all further concessions of Freedom to Slavery, will be held at Metropolitan Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 29th inst., commencing at 7½ o'clock.

At a meeting of the Committee, held last evening, the following action was taken. It was unanimously decided

To adhere to the strict terms of the call, and open the discussions of the evening to no speaker over TWENTY years of age.

The galleries are to be strictly reserved for ladies and gentlemen with ladies.

The platform is to be reserved for those desirous to be included in the call, and it is desired that all such shall procure and wear the "Union Cockade."

An efficient police force will attend to preserve order throughout the evening.

Adequate preparation will be made to facilitate the receiving of signatures to the resolutions and action to be adopted.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

The Young Men's Meeting.

The adjourned meeting of the young men of our city takes place at Metropolitan Hall this evening. The following is the original call which received the signatures of over two hundred young men:

WE, the undersigned, believing our country in danger, our flag insulted, and the Constitution violated, call upon the Young Men of Chicago, of the age of thirty years, and under, who are opposed to all concessions and compromises of Freedom to Slavery, to meet with us at Metropolitan Hall, on Friday Evening, January 25th, 1861, for the purpose of inaugurating a movement for the organization of the Young men of the Nation in defence of the Constitution and the Union as they are.

The meeting which resulted from the call entirely filled the Hall, and was a most enthusiastic and stirring affair throughout. The lateness of the hour to which the speaking was carried rendered an adjournment necessary, it being deemed desirable to follow the resolutions adopted, by some form of organization. It will be seen by the call that the preparations are to be made for this, to-night.

In the published call of the Committee of Arrangements it will be seen that the galleries are to be reserved for ladies, and there doubtless will be few vacant seats.

An adequate police force is to be in attendance to preserve the strictest order.

One word of suggestion as to the speeches this evening: BE SHORT. If you have your speech written, as no one but yourself need know you have, time yourself and see how much you could read aloud in ten minutes; *two-thirds* of that amount will be enough.

It will be seen that the Committee decide, and properly, to restrict the age of the speakers to the terms of the call; this will be pretty sure to bring out a new class of speakers for this occasion.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.—A correspondent suggests, as the time for advertising houses to rent for the ensuing year is near by, that the lessors append to their notices the amount of rent they wish to obtain. There is no reason why this should not be done, and it will save many persons the time and fatigue incident to long walks about the city to obtain information which could be given them in one line in the papers. In this way one can see at a glance whether house of a certain description, of a certain number of rooms, with like circumstances. It will manifestly be as much for the interest of landlord as tenant.

COSMOPOLITAN ART ASSOCIATION.—We have been informed by Mrs. M. J. Greene, the Secretary of the Association, that in consequence of the excitement in New York, caused by the secession movements, which have disarranged affairs somewhat, especially in the Southern States, the distribution of prizes has been postponed until some time in March, due notice of which will be given through the press. Those of our readers who have given their names to Mrs. Greene, she assures us shall all be furnished with their engravings and certificates of membership in time for the distribution.

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FUNERAL SERVICES.—The funeral of Rev. Jno. Sinclair will take place from Evanston, this afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. H. Crews. Persons intending to be present will be furnished with round trip tickets for half price, by applying to Mr. Jno. Turner or Dr. R. Tripp at the railroad station before the starting of the train.

FORGING A CHECK.—Two young men Jacob Wallack and Abram Mayer, have been held to bail for further examination for forging the signature of Ogden, Fleetwood & Co., to a check for $100, drawn on Hoffman & Gelpcke's Bank, and issuing the same to Herzog, a furrier on Lake street, in payment for goods.

COMMON COUNCIL.—No quorum last evening. A special session was held on Saturday evening and Aldermen Taft and Myers were chosen a committee to lay before the Legislature the draft of a new charter for this city. They left for Springfield yesterday morning on such errand.

DIAMOND MINIATURES.—Healer's Diamond Miniatures are just the thing to fix at the bottom of a letter to a friend instead of your name. Try it and please your friends hugely. Two dozen on a sheet at a cost little more than to make your autograph.

SOCIETY SVEA.—The Society Svea, a Literary and Library Association of our Swedish born citizens gave a Festival and Ball at Kingsbury Hall last evening, which was a very pleasant affair. It was given for the benefit of the library.

LOST.—A beautiful little Italian greyhound, cream color, and answering to the name of "Pet." A liberal reward will be given to any one who will return him to the residence of H. S. Fitch, Esq., in brick block near corner of Pine and Pearson streets, North Side.

STERLING ART PUBLICATIONS.—J. C. Finch, representing in this city the publishing house of Virtue & Co. of London, has a large list of subscribers for their celebrated issues. Nos. 18 to 20 of the steel illustrated "Piedmont and Italy" have been received; also, the "London Art Journal." An expert in initial number for the year. Mr. Finch is very actively and intelligently introducing these sterling serials to a large circle of readers in our community.

MARRIED.

In Pittsburgh on Thursday evening, 24th inst., by the Rev. T. M. Hopkins, FREDERICK TUDOR, of this city, and JULIA, daughter of Wilm Bochm, Esq., of Pittsburgh.

DIED.

In this city, on Friday morning, the 25th inst., CHARLES GUILDEN, son of Charles C. and Julia M. Chase, aged two years and 10 mos.

In this city, yesterday morning, Mrs. ELLEN M. NORTON, wife of Mr. Jonathan Norton, and daughter of the late Hon. Samuel Hoyt, of Hartford, Conn.

The funeral will be attended at the Presbyterian Church, corner of Wabash avenue and Washington street, this afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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PROSPECTUS FOR 1861.

POLITICAL.—The great political campaign of 1860 is closed. The battle has been fought and won, and the eagles of victory perch on the Republican banners. ABRAHAM LINCOLN has been triumphantly elected President of the United States for four years from the 4th of March, 1861.

We are entering upon a year that will be memorable in the history of our country. The Fire-Eaters of the Cotton States have undertaken to break up the American Union, because they are not allowed forever to rule it. The people have declared, in the ballot-box, to have the Federal Government administered according to the precepts and policy of the Fathers; and in strict accordance with the Constitution they have elected a President to execute their will. The Fire-Eaters vigorously refuse to submit, and have proclaimed their purpose to disrupt the Confederacy unless their demands shall be immediately complied with, which embraces the following points:

DEMANDS OF THE FIRE-EATERS.—1st, That the people of the North shall give up their cherished belief that slavery is wrong, and profess to believe that it is morally right, politically right, and religiously right. That the Bible and Heavenly Nationality—the Constitution of the United States and the Free States shall say for all fugitives from labor who may escape. 2d, That all State laws which conflict with the Fugitive Slave Law or Territorial law shall be expunged from all the Territories and prevented by a Federal Slave Code. That the Slave Trade shall be re-opened in the District of Columbia. That Slavery shall be forever fastened on the Territories, and that Congress shall be prohibited from abolishing Slavery in the Forts, Dock-yards and other places purchased by the consent of the Legislature of the States in which they are located. That Slaveholders be allowed to carry their slaves into the Free States, and hold them there as property.

In case of non-compliance with these terms, the Fire-Eaters threaten to secede from the Union, set up a Southern Confederacy, reopen the African Slave Trade, and establish a great slave-holding empire, by absorbing Mexico, Central America and the islands of the Gulf. Such is the programme of the Secessionists.

In this crisis it behooves every sound patriot and friend of the Union and Constitution to stand by Lincoln's Administration, as the old Democracy stood by Gen. Jackson when assailed by South Carolina nullifiers. The Republican party has been called into power by the arrogant oligarchy into a base surrender of its most righteous claims—and there are other important matters to come before the new Administration. Among these are the improvement of our harbors; improvements of rivers and harbors; Construction of a Pacific Railroad; the encouragement of manufacturing and farming industry of the country; liberal appropriations for the general defences; a restoration, in short, of the earlier and better days of the republic. All these and many kindred measures will ever be found an earnest champion on the side of Freedom, Right and Patriotism.

GENERAL NEWS.—Chicago is the Commercial Emporium of a large region of country, and by reason of her immense system of railroads and telegraph lines, she has become a great news centre. Correspondents are dispatched to every exciting session of Congress. Consequently, during the coming winter one of the editors will correspond for the TRIBUNE from Washington, and graphic reports of the proceedings of an exciting session of Congress.

Another of the editors will attend at Springfield and keep the people fully posted on what will be done by the Illinois Legislature. Correspondents will be employed at the Capitols of Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Indiana.

From other portions of the country and from foreign lands, we draw on our intelligence from the multitudinous correspondents of the Associated Press, from an immense corps of the ablest letter writers on the press.

MARKETS.—The TRIBUNE has achieved a high reputation as a Commercial paper, and in this department it possesses the confidence and claims to the patronage of business men to a high degree. Its market reports cover every article that the farmer can produce, and aim to find quickest-to a newspaper, whether western, eastern or European. The Money Article is also discussed carefully, in its editorial and news columns, currency questions, the rates of Exchange, Bank and State financial products of America and Europe, and all other topics connected with the material interests of country.

AGRICULTURE.—During the coming year we shall pay increased attention to farming matters. Each issue contains a carefully prepared agricultural article, originating a large number of items of useful information for the stock, improved implements and modes of culture, and all other matters of interest to the tillers of the field.

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Chicago Tribune.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1861.

SECESSION AND THE SECESSIONISTS.

The secession of Florida and Louisiana, particularly the latter, presents the question in a new phase. The other States, which, up to this time, have "ordained" themselves out of the Union, were either among the original Thirteen, or carved out of them. Florida and Louisiana were purchased and paid for by the government of the United States. The sovereignty of the one belonged to Spain, of the other to France. In 1803, France ceded Louisiana to the United States "forever, in full sovereignty, with all its rights and appurtenances, as fully and in the same manner" as it was held by France. Spain ceded Florida in 1819 to the United States (the treaty ratified by our Government in 1821) "in full property and sovereignty."

It is clear, therefore, that the sovereignty of the countries was granted to the *United States*, not to Louisiana nor to Florida. Has the United States ever parted with that sovereignty? Certainly not when Louisiana in 1809, and Florida in 1822, had a Territorial Government established over them respectively, by the United States. And when, in 1812, Louisiana, and in 1845, Florida, were admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, the sovereignty, for all purposes declared by the National Constitution, still remained in the United States. Louisiana and Florida did not assent to the Constitution. They were purchased after the Government came into existence, were not parties to it, and did not, like Georgia and South Carolina, help to form it. They were the offspring, not the parent, of the Government of these United States.

It would seem, then, to be a most pertinent question to ask: When and how, without the consent of the United States, they acquired the legal right to a sovereignty that never, from the day they were purchased by the Government, did they at any moment possess? Does the mere act of being joined to the Union, as a State in the Confederacy, and then dissolving that Union through its own independent motion, invest the State by some magic process with a Sovereignty it had not *before* the Union? We submit these questions in all candor to the secession jurists.

But Louisiana, in an especial manner was obtained for great national objects. It commanded the mouth of the Mississippi—a river which waters the greatest and most fertile valley in the world, and its purchase was defended mainly on the ground that the outlet of that vast river was indispensable to the nation. The necessity justified what even Mr. JEFFERSON admitted was the exercise of a doubtful constitutional power. In communicating to Congress, in October 1803, the existence of the Treaty for its cession, he expressly placed it on the ground that "the property and sovereignty of the Mississippi and its waters secured an independent outlet for the produce of the Western States, and an uncontrolled navigation through their *whole* course, free from collision with foreign powers."

When Louisiana was admitted into the Union, it was provided, as a condition of its admission, that the Mississippi and its tributaries should be forever free, as well to the people of that State "as to the inhabitants of *other* States and the Territories of the United States, without any tax, duty, "impost or toll" imposed by Louisiana; and this condition and others, it was declared, "shall be considered, deemed and taken "fundamental conditions and terms upon "which the said State is incorporated in "the Union." There can be no doubt Louisiana is bound by this condition, because it was prescribed in the act of 1811 which authorized the State to form a Constitution and State government; and consequently, if compacts, stipulations and agreements solemnly and deliberately made, can bind a people, then is this condition obligatory upon the people of Louisiana.

But now it is claimed, that that State in Convention, by a mere stroke of the pen, has not only absolved its people from allegiance to the Constitution, but that it has been clothed with all the attributes of complete sovereignty, and that the whole of the boundless region watered by the Mississippi and its tributaries, is at the mercy, in all future time, of the State of Louisiana for the privilege of navigating that great national highway! What do the millions who live upon the upper waters think of this new aspect of "the right of secession"? Are they entirely foreclosed by the act of Louisiana? Have they no interest in this momentous question? Must *they* be forever dumb under the "ordinance" of Louisiana? We trust they will consider well and ponder deeply the marvellous phase which "the right of secession" has now assumed.

RECONSTRUCTION.

There is no longer room for doubt that certain leaders of the Democratic party in the North, with Douglas at their head, are sincerely in favor of a dissolution of the Union. A scheme so base and treasonable naturally provokes the hostility of many patriotic members of the party, such as Morris and McClernand of Illinois, Holman of Indiana, Cox of Ohio, Latham of California, Judge Smalley of Vermont, and a multitude of the rank and file in every part of the free States. Why should Douglas and Vallandigham desire a dissolution of the Union? Why should George Sanders be sent to the Kentucky Legislature to lobby in favor of the secession of that State? Why should the fire-eaters of the South be encouraged in every possible way to persist in their treasonable job of breaking in pieces the United States of America? We think there is a little method in this madness. Let us see if we cannot find some better reason for it than a demoniac thirst for revenge upon the people of the North.

Taking for a base of operations the fact that six States have adopted paper ordinances of secession it follows that the Republican party is overwhelmingly strong in the remainder of the Union. There is no chance for Douglas, Vallandigham & Co., after those States cease voting in Presidential elections, and the more extensive the secession, the more contracted their power and influence—the sooner do they glide into political oblivion. On the other hand, if the Union be preserved by any means short of a thorough change in the Constitution, a Republican party will grow up in the South, of which there is already a considerable nucleus in Delaware, Maryland, Western Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri. The growth of such a party would be equally disastrous to the political yearnings of Douglas and Vallandigham. Their residence in the free States forbids them to hope for preferment without the aid of fifteen slave States. The fifteen slave States can give them no hope if Republican principles are allowed so make their way peacefully in that quarter. Hence they believe their only chance is to break up the present Union, and to make another, of which slavery shall be the chief corner-stone for all time. In order to suppress Republican principles in the Southern States, Mr. Douglas has already resolved to amend the Constitution by making it a crime in any one State to say that slavery is a crime in all the States. The very fact that guilty of such crime and convicted in either State, shall be debarred from the least power of punishment, is the head and front of the offence. For the purpose of increasing the political power of the South, it is proposed to amend the Constitution so as to base Congressional Districts upon the number of the free population, instead of Slaves. Both of these schemes will be presented in the "Reconstructed Union" when that Utopia shall have been reached by Douglas, Vallandigham & Co.

But there are other and more radical changes to be effected in this programme. Something must be known into the maw of slavery more substantial than the personal profits of a few Democratic politicians in the North. The first thing to be done, of course, is to scare the North all to pieces with the spectre of complete and irreparable disunion. The secession of the cotton States has not shattered the nerves of pro-slavery

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